

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4385

Message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendments the engrossed Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2012 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4334). August 7, 2012.

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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Section 5 of Article 63 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am today signing House Bill 4334, "An Act Making Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2012 to Provide for Supplementing Certain Existing Appropriations and for Certain Other Activities and Projects," while disapproving several items and sections.

I am pleased to approve the majority of this legislation, which totals \$43.3 million in FY 2012 spending. This funding will provide aid to cities and towns in support of emergency responses to the October 2011 snowstorm and Tropical Storm Irene. This bill also funds efforts to promote active Massachusetts military bases across the state while the United States Department of Defense is considering facility closures. Finally, this bill supports core government services provided to state residents through additional funding for information services and technology needed to maintain or enhance online services and vendor payment systems and secure client information on state networks.

In Sections 2, 2A, and 2C.I, I disapprove the items below because they authorize additional funding that exceeds my budget recommendations or are more appropriately funded through non-budgetary resources:

0340-1100  
1595-6368  
1599-1366  
2800-0700

4110-3010  
8910-0107

In Sections 2 and 2C.I, I am reducing item 0340-0400 by \$119,972 to \$200,000 because this additional funding exceeds what I believe is necessary.

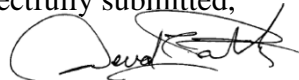
I am disapproving Sections 33, 36, and 40, corresponding to my disapprovals of items 1595-6368, 2800-0700, and 4110-3010.

I am approving item 8315-1023 and sections 13, 14, 52, and 53, which adopt funding and legislative changes to the state's existing licensing and inspection requirements associated with pipe installation in facilities across the state. While the Legislature provides \$250,000 to support the expanded regulatory oversight responsibilities to implement the line item changes, the real costs are estimated to total closer to \$1 million on an annual basis. Additionally, I do anticipate costs associated with sections 13, 14, 52, and 53, separate and apart from those associated with item 8315-1023. In order to fully implement this legislation, the Department of Public Safety will need to consider increases to licensing and inspection fees to support the ongoing costs of these changes.

Finally, for reasons stated in my separate letter today, I am returning Section 32 for amendment under Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

I approve the remainder of this Act.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deval Patrick', written over a horizontal line.

DEVAL L. PATRICK,  
*Governor.*